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Betty Turock Challenges West Virginia Librarians

Betty Turock, immediate past-president of the American Library Association, warned attendees in her speech at the WVLA Awards Banquet in Huntington, *"We are at a turning point in the history of telecommunications and information. The window of opportunity is open, but if the history of previous turning points has any significance, it won't stay open for long."* She challenged the library community to become key players in the discussion of ideas and the formation of policy affecting electronic information access.

The first issue she identified was that of **universal service**. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 slates libraries for special communications discounts and designates them as universal service providers. The way in which the special discounted rates are to be implemented is left to a joint Federal-State board. Turock pointed out that library supporters must insist that access through libraries is essential to the public interest and demand discounts in West Virginia that are meaningful.

In discussing the issue of **intellectual freedom on the information superhighway**, Turock summarized ALA's position as the lead plaintiff in a constitutional challenge of the Communications Decency Act. She said, *"If the CDA stands, American youth will be locked out of the overwhelming preponderance of educational and informational material on the electronic superhighway."*

"The third key issue affecting access," said Turock, "is the protection of intellectual property rights balanced by the doctrine of fair use." She asserted that existing copyright law lays the basis for the lending function of libraries. The proposed National Informa-

tion Infrastructure Copyright Protection Act sets the stage for a complete reversal of the model of shared resources and a major increase in the cost of information. She reiterated that the library community must make sure the public interest receives due consideration in copyright law changes.

Turock defined her fourth issue, **equity**, as follows: *"While universal service makes access to electronic information available everywhere, equity makes access to electronic information available to everyone."* She went on to say, *"That's where libraries come in. Librarians have historically served as the nation's great equalizers, providing people of all ages and all circumstances with the information they need regardless of their ability to pay."*

Turock closed by saying that public access to electronic information through libraries, while more economical than connecting every home in the nation, will require a substantial financial commitment at the local, state, and national levels. For that commitment to be realized, library advocates must speak in strong, informed, and united voices. *"The libraries of West Virginia are this state's information infrastructure - the natural points of entry to the high-speed lanes of electronic transmission."*

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President's Column

Jo Ann Calzonetti

The initial approach of most Internet users is to randomly choose a web browser, start typing and hope for the best. A determined individual who makes use of the instructional screens provided and regularly reads the periodical literature available concerning the Internet can develop searching skills independently. However, it is not an easy task especially since the average user brings no frame of reference to the task of constructing an effective search strategy in an electronic environment. As West Virginia libraries increase the amount of access they are able to provide to the Internet, the need for all of us to learn more about search engines and subject directories grows exponentially. The teaching role of the librarian has been accentuated by the growth of the Internet and the wide variety of search engines available to us.

In my own teaching to both classroom groups and individuals, I have adopted a basic skills approach, combining an overview of basic searching concepts with practical examples of their use. Success in online searching knowledge of truncation, stop operators, positional nesting, controlling choice of access terms and relevancy concepts must all be in the language of the library user in the terms used by online searchers at least once in any instructional setting is a good idea since the terminology is bound to show up again for anyone who becomes a regular searcher.

"The teaching role of the librarian has been accentuated by the growth of the Internet..."

The term truncation, for instance, is more easily understood when it is described as searching for plurals and variant spellings, e.g., girl, girls, women, woman, center, centre. Often, two or more concepts can be introduced simultaneously. For example, the idea of eliminating common words that are stop words by using Boolean operators to combine concepts in place of phrase searching.

Covering all of these concept areas thoroughly in a single session, even an individualized, one-on-one session, is difficult. A librarian is doing well if she is able to produce usable search results while simultaneously providing successful instruction to a library user in one or two of these concepts during a single session.

Compounding the problem of trying to introduce library users to these concepts is the fact that electronic sources use different mechanisms to achieve similar results. Truncation, for example, can be achieved with an asterisk (*), a question mark (?), a pound sign (#), or it may be an automatic system default! An extremely useful web site for keeping informed about the major web search engine features is found at <http://imt.net/~notess/compeng.html>. The site is maintained by Greg Notess, a librarian and columnist for *Online World*.

More and more of our Association activities at annual conference and section meetings throughout the year will focus on trying to keep up with the ever changing world of the Internet.

Minutes of the Executive Board

September 29, 1996

Grant County Public Library

Thirteen members of the West Virginia Library Association Executive Board met at the Grant County Public Library on September 20, 1996. They approved motions as follows:

1. Minutes of the previous meeting
2. An addition of \$100 to the Continuing Education Committee's budget and \$200 to the SELA budget
3. Payment of bills
4. Payment of the honorarium to the editors of WV Libraries
5. A proposed change in the makeup of the Continuing Education Committee (that the two year terms of the 8 members appointed to this Committee be staggered such that there will be 4 new members appointed each year).

6. The appropriation of donations to the continuing education fund as follows: In 1997, \$1200 be spent for continuing education, \$800 for scholarships and \$5000 placed in the endowment fund; for 1998, 50% of the funds raised be added to the endowment, 50% used for scholarships/continuing education; 1998, the Association review the situation (this motion carried with one negative vote).

7. A special President's Award be presented to Fred Glazer at the Annual Awards Banquet in Huntington on October 18 recognizing him for his years of service to WV libraries.

8. To accept the following recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on support services: 1) WVLA should enter into a contract with a library to maintain the membership database, facilitate mass/bulk mailings and provide a contact point for the Association; 2) candidates for WVLA President and Vice-President be made aware of the heavy workload involved in serving in these offices, the President and the Secretary work more closely to relieve the President of some of the routine duties and that as much as \$2000 be appropriated each year to cover the cost of temporary secretarial services.

9. Jo Ann Calzonetti be appointed "keeper of the bulk mailing stamp in Morgantown" upon the retirement of Mildred Moyers (former "keeper, etc.")

Members also heard reports from Division and committee chairs and representatives. A full copy of these minutes can be obtained from Myra Ziegler at the Summers County Public Library, 201 Temple Street, Hinton, WV 25951.

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1997 Legislative Goals Your Help Is Needed!

Joe Barnes

The WVLA Legislative Committee presented a report to membership at the annual conference in Huntington and met to discuss both present and future legislative goals. The Committee devoted some time considering complex legislation affecting local funding of public libraries. We also continued planning for next year's Library Appreciation Day banquet which is being coordinated by Beth Nicholson (Upshur County PL) and Linda Lindsey (Richwood PL). Please mark your calendar: Library Appreciation Day is March 4, 1997.

The legislative goals which the Association is committed to supporting during the session are these:

1. Further progress in **increasing public library support**. In concert with the Library Commission, we are raising our sights to a goal of \$5.50 per capita.

2. **Funding for the Commission's capital expenditures program** as this is developed in coming months. Funds must be secured for statewide electronic information resources and other development of the InfoMine project and for modernization of the shared integrated library system.

3. **Removal of the annual salary of the Commission's Secretary from the "statutory list"** of official salaries to provide needed flexibility.

4. **Guarantee of faculty status** for professional librarians in the state's public colleges and universities.

On the Legislative Committee's recommendation, the Association will again retain a part-time consultant to work with us during the Legislature's session. In past years special contributions to the Association's Legislative Fund have paid the stipend for the consultant. Your financial support for this vital function is needed. Checks should be made out to "WVLA Legislative Fund" and sent c/o Dave Childers, WVLA Treasurer, 1900 Kanawha Blvd., East, Charleston, WV 25305.

Equally important to the success of our Association's goals is your personal involvement as a librarian, trustee, or library Friend. Try to establish a friendly relationship with your own Delegate and State Senator. Don't be afraid to communicate with them just before or early in the session.

Finally, COME to Library Appreciation Day on March 4th!

Guidelines for Communicating With Legislators

These tips were collected from various sources including the New York Library Association and the Alaska Library Association.

* Don't wait until the session starts to make yourself and your library concerns known. Invite your legislators to the library. Go to public meetings.

* When making an appointment to see a legislator, specify who you are, how long you need to meet, and what you want to discuss.

* Be concise. Know your issue. Explain how it affects library users and the community. Don't use library jargon.

* Know if your legislator is in the leadership of the Senate or House. Know the legislator's committee assignments.

* Study the legislative process so you can anticipate the movement of critical bills.

* Don't guess; don't exaggerate for effect. If you don't know the answer to a legislator's question, say you will check and respond later.

* If you want the legislator to take specific action, ask, do not demand.

* Don't try to intimidate the legislator; don't interrupt decision makers in the middle of meals.

* Always be sure to thank the legislator for his or her time and/or support. Let them know you appreciate their efforts.

* When writing a letter, address the legislator by his/her correctly spelled name.

* Avoid phrases such as "I am disappointed in you" or "If you don't respond, I'll see that you never get elected again."

Library Appreciation Day Dinner

March 4, 1997

Charleston Civic Center

Reception 6:00pm Dinner 7:00pm

Jim Arnosky Visits WVLA

Stacy Richardson-Bond

It was Thursday, 7:30 PM. A crowd of anxious people surrounded the second floor of the Cabell County Public Library in hopes of catching a glimpse of WVLA's special guest. Finally, he arrived! Mr. Jim Arnosky, along with his charming wife, Deana, were whisked up the steps and rushed to the designated area of the library. A mob of autograph-seeking fans had already formed a line and for the next hour and a half Mr. Arnosky signed autographs while others admired a display of original Arnosky paintings courtesy of the Mazza Collection at Findlay University.

The next day proved to be as exciting as the night before. The fun began when Cheryl Harshman welcomed Mr. Arnosky to the WVLA conference. Sitting elbow to elbow, we all sat listening to his amazing stories from his childhood in Pennsylvania to his current life in Vermont. Laughter could be heard throughout the conference as he told a story about spotting some moose tracks while on his way home from his favorite fishing hole. With sketch pad and pencil in hand, he began to follow the tracks in the hopes of sketching the moose when he found it. He did find the moose. He also found himself up a tree while his sketch pad and pencil were on the ground with the moose. This adventure had inspired a song and, for the first time in 30 years, he sang in public. Accompanied by his guitar, he sang of the events that had happened that day. He received a standing ovation for his musical talents. "Since I spend most of my free time outdoors, most of my stories and songs come from my own experiences," he said.

Mr. Arnosky now lives with his family in Vermont where he is surrounded by the woods and many acres of fields. He is currently working on a "Crinkleroot" cartoon series which will be aired on Public Television.

Job Announcement

YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN. Located near Charleston, West Virginia, South Charleston is an independent city library with a patron base over 22,000 and an annual circulation of 210,000. SCPL is seeking someone who will provide services for youth through junior high school. Programming, storytelling, reference, collection development and reader's advisory work. Benefits include major medical, retirement, vacation and sick days. Requires ALA-MLS degree and familiarity with personal computers and library technology. Send resume, names and address of three references to: South Charleston Public Library, 312 Fourth Ave., South Charleston, WV 25303, ATT: Linda Hedding. Phone (304) 744-6561. Fax: (304) 744-8808. Hiring salary range \$25,000 - \$31,000. EOA/AA.



WVLA's guest author, Jim Arnosky with Stacy Richardson-Bond, Willa Midkiff, and Crinkleroot of the Cabell County Public Library. *Photo by Marsha Childers.*

ILL Roundtable Discusses Issues

Charley Hively

In the thirty minute session set aside for Roundtable business meetings at the conference, the recently formed Interlibrary Loan group discussed several issues and set some goals for the coming year.

The first action was to expand the Roundtable's scope to include Reference Services. In many libraries the same person is responsible for both services.

A report on the status of the statewide ILL directory indicated that the Roundtable plans to provide the updated directory on diskettes.

The group discussed the reluctance of academic libraries to use e-mail for interlibrary loans. The group hopes to continue this discussion throughout the year to identify problems and facilitate solutions. E-mail is working well for many public libraries. The issues of electronic protocol for interlibrary loan, copyright infringement for electronic transmission and several other timely interlibrary loan topics were aired.

A final report was on the Roundtable's goal of encouraging libraries to make full use of the Library Commission's Gifts & Exchange section for collection development. This is a great source for those multiple copies needed for class assignments, fiction and nonfiction classics, and even new fiction. Members were encouraged to consult the G&E portion of the Library Commission's homepage regularly.

The Ill Roundtable anticipates a significant surge in the number of interlibrary loans with the implementation of the InfoMine project.

CONFERENCE

"WVLA is really an organization of people who trade cardboard boxes in parking lots."
(Yvonne Farley on accepting the 1996 Dora Ruth Parks Award.)

Peggy Bias presenting 1996 Dora Ruth parks Award to Yvonne Farley.

Photo credit: Ernie Kallay



Executive Board members Betty Gunnoe, Myra Ziegler, Margie Price and Dave Childers plan the next cardboard box transfer.

Photo credit: Ernie Kallay



Sam Colvin, Wayne County trustee, accepting Certificate of Merit Award

Photo credit: Ernie Kallay



HIGHLIGHTS



Gordon Simmons accepting 1996
Certificate of Merit Award

Photo credit: Ernie Kallay



Author Jim Arnosky, assisted by Gordon Simmons, signs books for
conference attendees.

Photo credit: Ernie Kallay

JoAnn Calzonetti & Chuck Julian share
presidential tips with Margie Price.

Photo credit: Stacy Bond



Cabell County Public Library employees enjoy the festivities.

Photo credit: Stacy Bond



InfoMine Project On the Move...

After months of delay, doubt, and uncertainty the InfoMine project is not only moving, it is moving quickly. At this writing, more than 70 units have been installed in public libraries statewide. VTLS has a team of six working on the installations. In ideal cases, the equipment is drop shipped to the library by 10 AM the designated day, everything is hooked up by noon, and on-site training begins at 1 PM. Of course, we all know that this is not an ideal world. Shipments are delayed, cables and plugs aren't where they need to be, etc.... This is what makes the number of units installed in four weeks so amazing. VTLS plans to have all public library sites operational by the end of December. It was hoped that school libraries would also be complete by this time but many of those sites have not completed their pre-installation preparations.

InfoMine sites are benefiting from the delays by getting upgraded equipment and software. An IBM Aptiva Pentium 133mh microcomputer is replacing the AST Pentium 90mh originally scheduled to be the base of the package. It is a much more powerful unit which provides more speed and ease of running the graphics-intensive web browsing packages. The additional, non-InfoMine project related software package included with the unit will provide smaller libraries with software for word processing, accounting, information, and entertainment. No additional software was included with the original AST unit.

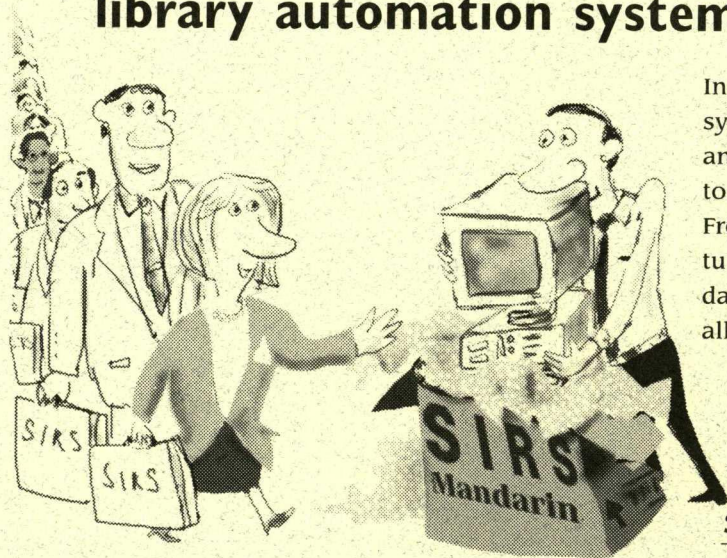
InfoMine related software, upgraded from Windows 3.1 to Windows95 provides a web browser, e-mail, and search tools for use with the sub-hub collections. Also included is cataloging software to be used in downloading cataloging data from the Union Catalog and the CD-ROM databases which will be available at the Commission. Search engines for the libraries on the Internet that are Z39.50 compliant and for NOTIS libraries (WVU) plus security software complete the package.

The Fortress software provides security for defining different levels of access to the InfoMine workstation. While patrons will be limited to searching the library catalog and the web, there is an optional ability to pick up or send e-mail if the user has an existing e-mail address. Users will not be able to store mail on the workstation but this option will provide an added service to traveling business people, students, and other patrons. This does not mean that patrons will have to receive an e-mail address from the library's address supply.

Staff will have access to the same searching functions as patrons plus cataloging and additional software the library wishes to install on the unit or on a LAN. The Fortress program seems to be as secure as its name and has a metering function that keeps track of almost everything.

In addition to the hardware and software, each site gets thick training manuals which include a general overview of computers, a separate manual for each of the InfoMine programs, and an online tutorial. Full day post-installation training is planned for seven regional sites.

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News Briefs

Public Library Levies defeated.

On November 6, in the shadow of the National and State elections, two levies that would have meant more money for public libraries were defeated. In Nicholas County the vote was 2902 for and 3235 against. In Summers County, a special 5-year school levy that would have brought in \$4.26 million for building and maintenance, extracurricular activities and libraries was turned down 2055 to 1609.



New LSTA Legislation Signed.

Authorization of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA is the successor to the expiring LSCA) and funding for library programs has been passed by Congress and was signed into law by President Clinton. The \$136.4 million in funding allocated to library programs for fiscal year 1997 is \$8 million larger than expected and \$4 million more than the fiscal year 1996 amount. The new legislation provides that library programs formerly administered by the Department of Education will be transferred to a new Institute of Museum and Library Services. Emphasis is on technology innovation and outreach services.



FastDoc and Business & Industry Full Text Availability.

The FastDoc database has been redesigned so that FastDoc users who access FirstSearch via the Web can now go directly from a citation on the results screen to a full-Text document online by clicking on the Full-Text icon in the citation and to increase the full text online hit rate.

The full text for Business & Industry citations is now available for online viewing or for delivery by a supplier via the Order or Text functions, in both the TTY and Web interfaces for FirstSearch. Via the Web, users can also go directly from a citation on the screen to a full-text document online by clicking on the Full-Text icon in the citation.

Mountain Tells. The WV Library Commission MultiMedia Services is producing a series of 30-minute storytelling and reading videotapes, **Mountain Tells**, is a pilot program targeted for cable distribution and for free use in your libraries for children in grades K-5.

Each tape is filmed in segments so you can use only those segments or the whole tape. All tapes are signed for the hearing impaired. Completed works include "Halloween" and "Wishes Do Come True."

The Commission's MultiMedia Services invite your comments and suggestion: recommended storytellers, story ideas, special books, or other needs. Contact Cris Spradling at the WVLC MultiMedia Services at 304-558-2534 or by e-mail at spradling@infomine.wvlc.wvnet.edu.



Topics, Dates Announced for 1997 PLA Workshops

The Public Library Association's 1997 Spring Symposium (formerly known as the Chicago Cluster Workshops) will be held March 20-22, at the Palmer House Hilton Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. Topics for this year's Symposium are: "Beyond 2000: Planning for Facilities of the Future," "Dedicated and Driven: Strategies for Establishing a Successful Friends Group," "Dollars and Sense: Fundraising for Public Libraries," "Making it in the Middle: Advanced Skills for Middle Managers," "Technology and Public Policy: What Every Librarian Needs to Know," "Writers Live at the Library: How to Manage and Produce Successful Author Events."

Registration forms will be available in late fall. PLA members will automatically receive this information; others may telephone the office at 1-800-545-2433, ext. 5PLA, to be placed on a mailing list. PLA is a division of the American Library Association.



Internet News ALA Web Site adds search software; wins "Eye On The

Web" ranking. The American Library Association Web site (<http://www.ala.org>) has added the ability to search by subject all of the nearly 1,000 documents posted. The Web site has grown dramatically since its start in 1995. Recent additions of materials include job ads from American Libraries magazine, product information from ALA Editions and ALA Graphics, and selections from Booklist magazine. ALA chose the Excite for Web Servers system, which provides both keyword and concept searching.

The ALA Web site was recently cited as an "Eye Site" by Eye on the Web (<http://www.eyeontheweb.com>), an independent group that reviews and rates Web sites on their utility, design and content. Earlier this year, the ALA site was chosen as a "Top 5%" site by Point Communications.

More information about the ALA Web site may be obtained by visiting the site or by e-mail to Rob Carlson, ALA Internet coordinator, rcarlson@ala.org.



New listserv on learning disabilities. Roads To Learning, The Public Libraries' Learning Disabilities Initiative of the ALA, has launched a listserv, PLLD-L. The listserv is intended to be a forum for people who want to learn more about learning disabilities and their implication for public library collections and services, and those who are currently providing such services. Although designed primarily for library staff, members of the learning disability community are also invited to participate.

To subscribe, send an e-mail message to lstproc@ala.org. Leave the subject line blank; if your system requires a subject line, type in "subscribe" but without the quotation marks. As the first and only line of text in the message, type in: subscribe PLLD-L <your FirstName> <your LastName>. Send the message.

People

Jamie L. Foor joins the Scarborough Library at Shepherd College, WV, this fall as Reference Librarian and Coordinator of Bibliographic Instruction. Jamie Foor was recently Reference and Extension Services Librarian at Allegheny Community College in Cumberland, Maryland.

After two months without an appointed director, officials of the Ohio County Public Library have named **Dorothy Thomas** as head of the Wheeling facility. Thomas, who earned a bachelor's degree from West Liberty State College and a master's degree in library science from the University of Pittsburgh, is currently head librarian for the Pittsburg, Kansas public library. Before moving to Kansas, Thomas served as assistant librarian for the Mary H. Weir Public Library in Weirton and prior to that as children's librarian for the Ohio County Public Library in 1987-88. The appointment is effective Jan. 1, 1997.

Mildred Moyers, the keeper of WVLA's Morgantown post office box, the queen of bulk mailing, Dora Ruth Parks Award recipient, past-president of WVLA, former editor, advertising editor, and circulation editor of West Virginia Libraries, and WVLA committee member extraordinaire is retiring from her other job as Head of the Bibliography Department at West Virginia University Libraries.

Effective December 31, 1996, Mildred is closing the professional career that began in 1955. During her career at WVU, Mildred held several positions with the library including Junior Circulation Librarian, Junior Cataloging Librarian, and Chief Acquisitions Librarian. In addition, from 1972 until 1989 she taught cataloging and classification as a member of the WVU Library Science faculty. Mildred's editorship of the West Virginian Union List of Serials is respected by library staff throughout

the state, even those who groan upon receipt of the updating printout each spring.

Congratulations, Mildred. Thanks for your humor, efficiency, and style, and hard work for West Virginia's libraries. We hope you get to read all the books and go on all the trips you didn't have time for before. But before you leave, is it one rubber band or two that bundles the bulk mail???

Linda Durfee has joined the staff of the West Virginia University College of Law as Reference and Electronic Services Librarian. She holds a BA. from Bowdoin College and a Master's in Library Science from the University of Chicago. She has worked in the university libraries at the University of Chicago, University of Denver, and Tufts University.

Obituaries Madeline P. Deitz

Madeline Pritt Deitz, 78, of South Charleston, died September 26, 1996 after a long illness. Her husband, Dennis, Deitz, is well-known to WVLA members as a bookseller and frequent exhibitor at WVLA conferences. She was a homemaker and a member of the Fifth Avenue Church of God where she formerly served as a Sunday school teacher and principal of the Children's Education Department, a member of Women of the church of God and served on many church boards over the years. She is also survived by son Jay Deitz of La Place, La., daughters Joyce Schoolcraft of St. Albans, Linda Good of Winfield, brother Melvin Pritt of Sissonville, sister Colleen Baldwin of Waldo, Fl., five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Book Shelf

Women in the Mines. Marat Moore (Twayne Publications, \$32.95)

Moore has worked as a miner in Mingo county and has been an associate editor for the UMW Journal. Her survey, with accounts drawn from 1914 to 1994, completes the recent literature along with Randal Norris' just-published **Women & Coal**. Moore's book is both extensive and in-depth and is a likely candidate for the subject's standard reference.

Six Years of Hell: Harpers Ferry During the Civil War. Chester Hearn (LSU Press, \$29.95)

Noted military historian Hearn chronicles the war-torn fate of Harpers Ferry from John Brown's arrival to postwar Reconstruction. The town continually changed hands and was subjected to repeated acts of destruction, making the book's title anything but exaggeration.

West Virginia Politics & Government. Richard Brisden, Robert Dilger, Allan Hammock, Christopher Mooney (University of Nebraska Press, \$17.00)

Four WVU professors have given us a comprehensive treatment of the subject. Those searching for a deeper understanding of the recent election will benefit from consulting this book.

Recollections & Reflections of Mollie Hansford: A Daughter of the Kanawha Frontier. William Wintz (Pictorial Histories Publishing Co. \$12.95)

This is a revised edition of a long-unavailable memoir, first published in 1975. A vivid picture of everyday life in the early 1800's from a first hand perspective. Editorial comments by Wintz enhance the historical context.

Gordon Simmons

Summer Reading Ideas Needed

"Spin a Tale" is this year's Summer Reading theme. Like last year's "Wild About Reading," it offers lots of possibilities for interpretation from Tall Tales, to Fairy Tales, stories from around the world, and all sorts of other things.

The Summer Reading committee is asking for ideas. We need some names of local resources such as story tellers, crafts people, local theater groups, or anyone in the state who would be willing and able to visit local libraries during the Summer Reading Program. If you have any suggestions for local resources, contact Suzy McGinley at the Mason County Public Library, 508 Viand Street, Point Pleasant, WV 25550; Fax 304-675-0895, or e-mail to mcginley@wvlc.wvnet.edu.

To suggest program ideas, contact Suzanna Holstein at the Elk Valley Branch, Kanawha County Public Library, 4636 Pennsylvania Avenue, Charleston, WV 25304, or 00700@alpha.wvup.wvnet.edu.

Suzette Lowe is collecting craft ideas. She can be reached at the Roane County Public Library, PO Box 149, Parking Plaza, Spencer, WV 25276; Fax: 304-927-1196, or e-mail to lowesuz@wvlc.wvnet.edu.

Lynn Pauley is compiling a bibliography of books and videos. Contact her at Jackson County Public Library, 208 N. Church Street, Ripley, WV 25271; Fax: 304-372-5344, or e-mail to pauleyl@wvlc.wvnet.edu.

Cheryl Harshman is the Summer Reading chairman and can be reached at City-County Public Library, 700 5th Street, Moundsville, WV 26041, or e-mail to SARAHSSHOW@AOL.COM.

The Demco catalog has a great "Tall Tales" package that has bookmarks, posters, book and video suggestions. Deadline for getting the committee information is December 31st.

Glenville State Receives \$53,000 Gift

(From an article by David H. Corcoran in The Glenville Pathfinder, October 3, 1996. Used with permission)

Noted American historian, educator, and Glenville State College alumnus Berlin B. Chapman bequeathed the Kidd Library at Glenville State College \$53,000. According to GSC librarian, Rick Tubesing, the gift will fund the establishment of a first class rare book room in the library. The new Berlin Chapman Rare Book Room will be constructed on the floor right below the existing rare book collection and will dramatically expand the housing of all of the library's rare book collections.

"We need to bring the Jesse Stuart and W.W. Barron collections as well as others into this area for special care," said Tubesing. The renova-

tions will provide the humidity and temperature control critical to the long-term preservation of archival materials. He anticipates that the collection will attract historians, English professors, authors, students, and the general public to the college library.

Before construction on the new rare book room can begin, the current book holdings on the second and third floors will have to be rearranged. This is planned for the summer of 1997 with actual work on the Chapman room scheduled for 1998.

Berlin B. Chapman was born near Webster Springs, WV, took his BS from WV University, his MA in history from Harvard, and a Ph.D. from Wisconsin. He was the author of 15 books and 60 articles dealing with both Oklahoma and West Virginia history. Although he was a professor at Oklahoma State University for 30 years, he never forgot his West Virginia roots. He chose to remember Glenville State College in his will because that is where, in 1922, he received his Associate degree.

WVLA's Web Presence.

Monica Brooks and Steve Christo will be setting up the official WVNET web page for the organization and they need your ideas for the content and design of the site. We plan to incorporate many things such as roundtable, trustee, and division information, directories of members and friends, committee reports, executive board minutes, events calendar, and web resources for public, academic, special, and school librarians. It is anticipated that the page will go up soon after Christmas.

Meanwhile, if you have ideas for the WVLA web page, see <http://webpages.marshall.edu/lbrooks/> and click onto the WVLA Academic Division pages. There is a place on line for you to send comments directly to the web developers.

Calendar

December

5-6 WVLA Executive Board Meeting,
North Bend
10 Melvil Dewey's Birthday

January

8 Legislature convenes for one day of
organizational meetings
13 Gubernatorial inauguration

February

Innovative Thinking Month
12 Legislature convenes (through
April 12)

March

Women's History Month
4 LIBRARY APPRECIATION DAY
DINNER, Charleston

April

13-19 National Library Week
16 Log-on @ the Library Day

October

16-18 WVLA ANNUAL
CONFERENCE, Flatwoods

Roundtable Chairs 1996-1997

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